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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Werner BEISEL, Volker HAGELE, Heinz WETTENGEL  
OPTICAL CROSS-CONNECT FOR OPTIONAL INTERCONNECTION OF  
COMMUNICATION SIGNALS OF DIFFERENT MULTIPLEX LEVELS  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q67495

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	7 - 20	=	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=	x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee						\$740.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>						<b>\$740.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment						\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>						<b>\$780.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

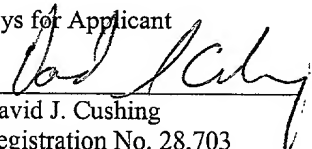
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	10065001.5	December 23, 2000

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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